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NATIONAL URBAN HOUSING AND HABITAT POLICY
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy for making housing affordable in towns and cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time frame by which the policy would come into effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(c): The National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy (NUHHP),2007,has been laid on both Houses of the parliament on 7.12.2007.Land being a State Subject, State Governments have to take steps for implementation of initiatives envisaged in the Policy.The Policy has been widely publicized and has been forwarded to all States/Union Territories as well as to various Ministries of the Central Government and other implementing agencies.

The Policy seeks to bridge the gap between need and supply of housing and infrastructure and inter-alia provides for accelerating the pace of development of housing and related infrastructure;creating an adequate and affordable housing stock both on rental and ownership basis.The policy also seeks to promote the use of proven and cost effective building materials and technologies.Further, the policy encourages State Governments/Development Authorities to periodically review their master plans and zonal plans and facilitate accelerated supply of serviced land for housing with particular focus on Economically Weaker Section (EWS) the Lower Income Group (LIG) and also make special provisions for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities/Disabled and empowerment of women.